

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Korman, Miranda, Rische, Shwarts, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and
Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the July 19, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS

Manager Rappoport reviewed the selection process for the 2010 Excellence in Arts awards.

Committee Chairs presented nominations and committee recommendations for each of their categories. After review of supporting materials and discussion of applications submitted, the Commission recommended that Excellence in Arts awards be awarded as follows:

Literary Arts	Connie M. Dial
Music	Charlie Miller
Visual Arts & Design	James Russell
Dance	Tiffany Maisonet
Drama & Theatre Arts	South Bay Conservatory
Arts Education	Diane Reeves
Katy Geissert Award	Ann Smisek

Manager Rappoport confirmed that the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony would be at the Toyota Meeting Hall on October 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

7B. TORRANCE ARTIST'S GUILD PROPOSAL FOR ART IN THE PARK

Terri Peterson, President of Torrance Artist's Guild, presented a request to move the annual Art by the Beach show from Miramar Park to Columbia Park. She expressed hope that the move would encourage more participation of local artists and attract more visitors. She stated that Miramar Park is often cold and windy and requires pay for parking, noting that the event has lost several vendors over the years. She noted that Columbia Park would provide more visibility, offers plenty of free parking, and would draw back vendors they have lost. She added that Community Services Director Jones supports the proposal and that the change would take effect in April 2011 when the next season begins.

In response to Commissioner Candiotti's inquiries, she stated that the event would probably be called Art in the Park and that at one time they had 25-30 vendors but now only have six or seven.

Responding to Commissioner Bunting's inquiry, she advised that Torrance Artist's Guild sponsors the event and the small fee they collect helps to offset some of their costs. She added that vendors are required to be members of Torrance Artist's Guild, South Bay Watercolor Society, or Craftsman Guild.

Manager Rappoport stated that Wilson Park was not considered as a location because it is so oversubscribed.

Commissioner Shwartz stated that she is curious to see how the change of location works out and asked staff to provide feedback next year.

MOTION: Commissioner Candiotti moved to support Torrance Artist's Guild's proposal to move the annual Art by the Beach show to Columbia Park effective in 2011. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

7C. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairperson Endo-Roberts asked Commissioners to consider if they would like to continue to serve on the committees they are currently on, or if they would like to make a change. She noted that current assignments are included on page 2 of agenda packets.

Commissioner Korman noted that she has not been assigned to a committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to select committee assignments in November 2010. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7A. Manager Rappoport advised that Debbie Collins would be sending out announcements and arranging food.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that Land Concern would be meeting with staff in the near future.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Has not met.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for July 2010 was included in agenda packets. She stated that over 80 people participated in the community tile workshop for the new Seaside Heroes Park on August 14, 2010, adding that 250 tiles were painted. She announced an excursion to Pageant of the Masters on August 25, 2010, expressed appreciation to Commissioners for attending "The Pirates of Penzance" opening night, and stated that the "Rise of Rad" exhibition will be going on at Torrance Art Museum until September 4, 2010.

10. ORALS

10A. Commissioner Korman stated that she loved "The Pirates of Penzance," the Aerospace Players' presentation of "The Producers," and "Les Miserables" at Costa Mesa High School. She announced the Torrance Symphony's "Music of the Movies" on August 22, 2010 at Wilson Park.

10B. Commissioner Miranda stated that he also enjoyed "The Pirates of Penzance" and discussed a Philippino film shoot he attended with his wife.

10C. Commissioner Rische stated that she and her sister enjoyed "The Pirates of Penzance" and that she is looking forward to seeing "Phantom of the Opera."

10D. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed a concert at Redondo Beach pier, Queens of the Stone Age, LACMA, Legoland, and several commercial gallery openings.

10E. Commissioner Candioly stated that he attended the Skate & Surf expo in San Diego and had the opportunity to visit several galleries in Laguna Beach.

10F. Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed "The Lieutenant from Ireland" at the Mark Taper Forum.

10G. Chairperson Endo-Roberts stated that she also enjoyed "The Pirates of Penzance."

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted September 20, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
